



Allan G. Bense, Speaker

Colleges & Universities Committee Meeting

**March 14, 2006
Reed Hall, 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

ACTION PACKET

**Allan G. Bense
Speaker**

**David Mealor
Chair**



Florida House of Representatives

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Colleges & Universities Committee**

**David Mealor
Chair**

**Larry Cretul
Vice Chair**

**Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, March 14, 2006
Reed Hall, 3:30 – 4:00 PM**

- I. Convening of Meeting and Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Opening Remarks**
- IV. Consideration of the following bills:**
 - HB 1237 Advanced Science and Technology Research by Mealor**
- V. Closing Comments / Meeting Adjourned**

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Colleges & Universities Committee

3/14/2006 3:30:00PM

Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Summary:

Colleges & Universities Committee

Tuesday March 14, 2006 03:30 pm

HB 1237 Favorable With Committee Substitute

Yeas: 10 Nays: 0

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Location: Reed Hall (102 HOB)

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
David Meador (Chair)	X		
Kevin Ambler	X		
Mary Brandenburg	X		
Larry Cretul	X		
Anitere Flores	X		
Audrey Gibson	X		
Ed Homan	X		
Dorothy Hukill	X		
Frank Peterman	X		
Everett Rice	X		
Totals:	10	0	0

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HB 1237 : Advanced Science and Technology Research

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	Yea	Nay	No Vote	Absentee Yea	Absentee Nay
Kevin Ambler	X				
Mary Brandenburg	X				
Larry Cretul	X				
Anitere Flores	X				
Audrey Gibson	X				
Ed Homan	X				
Dorothy Hukill	X				
Frank Peterman	X				
Everett Rice	X				
David Mealor (Chair)	X				
Total Yeas: 10		Total Nays: 0			

Appearances:

HB 1237

Mark Rosenberg, Chancellor (Lobbyist) (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Proponent
State University System
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Tallahassee Florida 32399

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David Armstrong, Chancellor, Division of Community Colleges & Workforce (Lobbyist) (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Proponent
Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee Florida 32399
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Jack Sullivan, President/CEO (At Request Of Chair) - Proponent
Florida Research Consortium
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Tallahassee Florida 32312
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Frank Meiners, Consultant (Lobbyist) - Proponent
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HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES

Amendment No. 1

Bill No. 1237

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED _____ (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION ✓ (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT _____ (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN _____ (Y/N)
OTHER _____

A. W/O Obj.

Council/Committee hearing bill: Colleges & Universities

Committee

Representative Mealor offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove line(s) 136-304 and insert:

(5) THE 21ST CENTURY WORLD CLASS SCHOLARS PROGRAM.--

(a) This act allocates state matching funds to attract
21st Century World Class Scholars to state universities.

(b) The 21st Century World Class Scholars Program shall be
used as a tool to develop the state's capabilities in science
and high-technology research, emphasizing Florida's identified
strengths in science and technology while also recognizing new
technologies as they may emerge.

(c) The board, in consultation with senior administrators
of state universities, state university foundation directors,
the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development, the
board of directors of Enterprise Florida, Inc., and leading
members of private industry, shall develop and recommend to the
Board of Governors criteria for the 21st Century World Class

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21 Scholars Program. Such criteria shall address, at a minimum, the
22 following:

23 1. The presence of distinguished faculty members,
24 including whether the university has a substantial history of
25 external funding, along with the strong potential for attracting
26 a scholar of national or international eminence.

27 2. The presence of academically outstanding students,
28 along with the promise and potential for attracting additional
29 highly qualified students.

30 3. The presence of adequate research and scholarly support
31 services.

32 4. The existence of an academic environment having
33 appropriate infrastructure, including buildings, classrooms,
34 libraries, laboratories, and specialized equipment, which is
35 conducive to the conduct of the highest quality of scholarship
36 and research.

37 5. The demonstration of concordance with Florida's
38 strategic plan for economic development or an emphasis on one or
39 more emerging sciences or technologies that could favorably
40 impact the state's economic future.

41 (d) A state university must raise a minimum of \$1 million
42 to be eligible for state matching funds to recruit a 21st Century
43 World Class Scholar. Funds raised by the university shall be
44 eligible for a one-to-one match from the state. Revenues
45 received from state appropriations, student tuition and fees,
46 and state funded contracts or grants are not eligible for state
47 match.

48 (e) Upon the verification by the Board of Governors that a
49 state university has met the criteria for a 21st Century World
50 Class Scholar, the Board of Governors shall release matching

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51 funds to the university. Funds shall be used for the purpose of
52 recruiting a 21st Century World Class Scholar and shall be
53 expended according to an expenditure plan approved by the Board
54 of Governors.

55 (f) Nothing in this act is intended to replace or obviate
56 existing programs.

57 (6) CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE.--

58 (a) The purposes and objectives of a Center of Excellence
59 include:

60 1. Identifying and pursuing opportunities for university
61 scholars, research center scientists and engineers, and private
62 businesses to form collaborative partnerships to foster and
63 promote the research required to develop commercially promising,
64 advanced, and innovative science and technology and to transfer
65 those discoveries to commercial sectors.

66 2. Acquiring and leveraging public-sector and private-
67 sector funding to provide the totality of funds, personnel,
68 facilities, equipment, and other resources needed to support the
69 research required to develop commercially promising, advanced,
70 and innovative science and technology and to transfer those
71 discoveries to commercial sectors.

72 3. Recruiting and retaining world class scholars, high-
73 performing students, and leading scientists and engineers in
74 technology disciplines to engage in research in this state and
75 to develop commercially promising, advanced, and innovative
76 science and technology.

77 4. Enhancing and expanding science and technology
78 curricula and laboratory resources at universities and research
79 centers in this state.

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80 5. Increasing the number of high-performing students in
81 science and technology disciplines who graduate from
82 universities in this state and pursue careers in this state.

83 6. Stimulating and supporting the inception, growth, and
84 diversification of science and technology-based businesses and
85 ventures in Florida and increasing employment opportunities for
86 the workforce needed to support such businesses.

87 (b) The board shall recommend to the Board of Governors
88 criteria for approving proposals to create or expand a Center of
89 Excellence. Such criteria shall consider:

90 1. The maturity of the applicant's existing programs
91 relating to a proposed Center of Excellence.

92 2. The comprehensiveness and effectiveness of site plans
93 relating to a proposed Center of Excellence.

94 3. The existing amount of the applicant's resources
95 dedicated to activities relating to a proposed Center of
96 Excellence.

97 4. The regional economic structure and climate.

98 5. The degree to which the applicant identifies and seizes
99 opportunities to collaborate with other public or private
100 entities for research purposes.

101 6. The presence of a comprehensive performance and
102 accountability measurement system.

103 7. The use of an integrated research and development
104 strategy using multiple levels of the educational system.

105 8. The ability of the applicant to raise research funds
106 and leverage public and private investment dollars to support
107 advanced and emerging scientific and technological research and
108 development projects.

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109 9. The degree to which the applicant transfers advanced
110 and emerging sciences and technologies from its laboratories to
111 the commercial sector.

112 10. The degree to which the applicant stimulates and
113 supports the creation of new ventures.

114 11. The existence of a plan to enhance academic curricula
115 by improving communication between academia and industry.

116 12. The existence of a plan to increase the number,
117 quality, and retention rate of faculty and graduate students in
118 advancing and emerging science and technology-based disciplines.

119 13. The existence of a plan to increase the likelihood of
120 faculty and graduate students pursuing private-sector careers in
121 the state.

122 14. The ability of the applicant to provide capital
123 facilities necessary to support research and development.

124 (c) The board shall periodically solicit proposals for
125 Centers of Excellence. The board may issue broad solicitations
126 for applicants to establish a Center of Excellence, including
127 entities other than state universities. All applicants must
128 submit and demonstrate coordination with one or more state
129 universities in order to be eligible for funding. The board may
130 solicit proposals for a more defined Center of Excellence that
131 is intended to meet identified needs or capitalize on perceived
132 technology and research opportunities. The board shall notify
133 the president of each state university and applicable research
134 centers in this state of the call for proposals.

135 (d) The board shall recommend to the Board of Governors
136 for approval and funding those proposals that meet the criteria
137 approved by the Board of Governors.

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138 (e) If no proposal is judged worthy of approval during a
139 solicitation cycle, an approval need not be made. This act does
140 not establish a limit for an investment amount; however, any
141 approval for a single Center of Excellence exceeding \$20 million
142 must be documented to have superior prospects for success in its
143 field of research and offer outstanding opportunities to
144 leverage state dollars.

145 (7) ANNUAL REPORT.--

146 (a) Any Center of Excellence receiving funding pursuant to
147 this section shall provide at least annual reports to the board
148 and the Board of Governors concerning its achievement of
149 objectives as identified and presented in the approved proposal.

150 (b) The Board of Governors of the State University System
151 shall issue an annual report by December 31 each year of the
152 activities conducted, including the accomplishments and overall
153 economic benefits to the state, the number of 21st Century World
154 Class Scholars attracted, the number of Centers of Excellence
155 created or expanded, the success of collaborations with related
156 industries, and the success of these programs. The annual report
157 shall be presented to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
158 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The annual
159 report must include a copy of an independent audit of the board
160 and a review of the progress of programs established pursuant to
161 this section.

162 (8) EXPIRATION.--This section shall expire June 30, 2011.

163 Section 2. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the sum of \$200
164 million is appropriated from nonrecurring general revenue to the
165 Board of Governors of the State University System, of which \$100
166 million shall be allocated for the 21st Century World Class
167 Scholars Program and \$100 million for the Centers of Excellence

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168 Program. Notwithstanding s. 216.301, Florida Statutes, and
169 pursuant to s. 216.351, Florida Statutes, any unexpended balance
170 from this appropriation shall be carried forward at the end of
171 each fiscal year until the 2010-2011 fiscal year. At the end of
172 the 2010-2011 fiscal year, any remaining balance of this

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174 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

175 Remove line(s) 19-23 and insert:
176 matching funds to state universities; providing guidelines for
177 the board in the development of criteria for recommendation to
178 the Board of Governors; requiring a minimum investment of funds;
179 specifying the

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